import and export of iron and steel items are freely allowed. However, it is not a fact that 2/3rd of the country's demand for HR Coils is met through imports.

(b) As a result of high antidumping and countervailing duty imposed by USA, EU and Canada on Indian HR Coils, the exports to these countries has reduced considerably.

(c) To boost exports of iron and steel, Government has set up a Steel Exporters' Forum under the Chairmanship of the Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel with major steel producers/associations as its members to remove bottlenecks in exports. Some of the other measures taken by the Government to facilitate exports include full convertibility of export earnings at market rate of exchange, rationalization of DEPB rates and the facility available to exporters to import their requirements of raw materials duty free under the Advance Licensing Scheme.

Conspiracy relating to doping test for Sunita Rani

451. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian athlete Sunita Rani has been tested positive in doping test at the Asian Games in Busan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Sunita Rani has denied any knowledge of having taken any drug;

(c) if so, whether the case has been investigated from the conspiracy angle;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any responsibility has been fixed on the manager and the doctor of the team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Sports Authority of India (SAI) have instituted One Man Inquiry Committees to inquire into this incident. Report of

this Committee is awaited from SAI. Besides, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has also set up a High level committee under the chairmanship of Former Secretary (Youth Affairs & Sports) to inquire into the Circumstances responsible for and leading to this incident. The Committee has been asked to go into the role of the Amateur Athletic Federation of India (AAFI), the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Manager of the team, the accompanying coach and suggest measures, which could have been taken to avoid such a situation, ascribe responsibility, wherever possible and recommend measures to prevent recurrence of such instances. The Committee has been asked to give its report in three months time. Further measures will be considered only after the committee submits its report.

Promotion of Accountants in NYKs

452. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accountants in Nehru Yuvak Kendras, zone-wise, who did not get promotions despite having rendered twenty years or more service;

(b) the criteria for their promotion, as co-ordinators; and

(c) the action proposed to ensure their promotions as co-ordinators or any other posts in view of long services rendered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) There is no post of accountant in zonal offices of Nehru Yuva Kendras. However, there are posts of Accounts Clerk-cum-Typist (ACTs) in the Kendras. There are 53 such ACTs as below:

Andhra Pradesh-03, Assam-02, Bihar-03, Chandigarh-03, Gujarat-03, Himachal Pradesh- 02, Karnataka-04, Kerala-04, Madhya Pradesh-06, Maharashtra-02, Delhi-02, Orissa-03, Rajasthan-03, Tamil Nadu-02, Uttar Pradesh-06 and West Bengal-05.

As per Recruitment Rules of NYKS, only officers in the pay scale of Rs. 6500-10500 with 5 years regular service in the grade can be considered for promotion. So far as ACTs are concerned,